



# NEWS RELEASE

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# PSA ANTWERP AND MPET RECEIVE EU CERTIFICATION FOR HIGHEST AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR STATUS

PSA Antwerp and MSC PSA European Terminal (MPET) have obtained the 'Authorized Economic Operator - Full' authorization, the highest level under EU's Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) program to enhance international Supply Chain security and facilitate legitimate trade. The AEO authorization is awarded by Customs to reliable internationally active companies which are compliant with the highest safety and security standards in their operations and contacts with international customers.

All terminals operated by PSA Antwerp and MPET have all long been certified under the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) code, which means that they have been identified as ensuring the security of the International Supply Chain. Therefore, all containers and goods handled on these terminals can benefit from the facilitations and/or a more favorable treatment granted to shippers, carriers and other economic operators which have also been AEO certified.

PSA Antwerp's and MPET's AEO 'Full' authorization will provide possibilities to allow additional simplifications under contractual agreements, such as e.g. the 'movement of containers in temporary storage'. This type of simplification will allow movement of a container without the requirement to fulfill the usual customs formalities for 'placing goods under a customs procedure'.

Upon request, PSA Antwerp and MPET shall be glad to examine all commercial requests for movements of containers under a simplified procedure, under the best possible and most economic conditions.

#### Background

### **PSA in Antwerp**

PSA operates three container terminals in front of the locks in the port of Antwerp: MPET (joint venture with TIL) at Deurganckdok, Noordzee Terminal and Europa Terminal. Behind the locks, PSA operates a multi-purpose terminal at Churchilldok. Together, PSA & MPET employ some 3,000 staff (dockers, technicians and white collars) at its Antwerp locations. For more information, please visit <u>www.psa-antwerp.be</u>.

## **PSA International**

As one of the leading global port groups, PSA participates in around 40 terminals in 16 countries across Asia, Europe and the Americas with flagship operations in PSA Singapore. PSA strives to continue growing its port network alongside its shipping line customers and become the preferred partner to port stakeholders across the world. Employing the finest talents in the industry, PSA delivers reliable and best-in-class service to its customers and develops win-win relationships with its partners. As the port operator of choice in the world's gateway hubs, PSA is "The World's Port of Call". Please visit us at www.globalpsa.com.

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